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Applicants : Bruce D. Gaynor, et al.

Appn. No. : 08/833,838

Filed : April 10, 1997

For : PEPTIDES FOR THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS
OF LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 24, 2000 OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued
February 24, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to
the Office Action is due March 24, 2000. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely
filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please add the Sequence Listing attached as Appendix A.